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## NJMC Allocates \$1.4 Million in Property Tax Relief

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's Board of Commissioners today approved \$1.4 million in Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grants for each of its 14 Meadowlands District municipalities for taxpayer relief.

"As we look to build a competitive region in every sense, we are committed to helping our municipalities with the ongoing struggle to stabilize property taxes," said NJMC Chairwoman Susan Bass Levin, also the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner. "While we are working at the statewide level to bring relief, we are moving forward here in the Meadowlands to assist with municipal services to residents that would otherwise lead to tax increases."

Each municipality can receive \$100,000 through MAP, which falls under the NJMC's Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation (MAGNET) program. In the past, Meadowlands municipalities have used MAP grants to purchase equipment, make repairs, expand recreational facilities and make infrastructure improvements. The NJMC has allocated \$10 million in MAP funds throughout the Meadowlands since the program began in December 2002.

"Since starting MAP, we have been able to distribute millions of dollars throughout the Meadowlands, as well as offer professional assistance and expertise," said NJMC Commissioner Arleen Walther. "These services have led to better planning through Geographic Information System technology, flood control assistance or establishing an equipment pool. Helping our municipalities meet these needs can only further the overall success of the Meadowlands."

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